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PATENT APPLICATION  
10/786,863

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Johan van de Groenendaal et al.  
Serial No.: 10/786,863  
Filed: February 24, 2004  
Group No.: 2167  
Examiner: Michael Pham  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: September 22, 2011  
Confirmation No.: 3676  
Title: RELATIONAL MODEL FOR MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
IN NETWORK DEVICES

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 15-23. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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